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The state general fund appropriation for operation of the State Library for the biennium ending June 30, 1973, is \$350,000. This amount, an increase of 9.68 percent over the appropriation for the biennium which ended June 30, 1971, was contained in Extraordinary Session II House Bill 42, which was signed by Governor Anderson on June 29, 1971.

At this writing, formal word is still awaited on Montana's allocation of funds under the Library Services and Construction Act. President Nixon signed the Education Appropriation Bill, Public Law 92-48. Total appropriation for Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act is \$46,568,500; for Title II, \$9,500,000; for Title III, \$2,640,500.

At its meeting in Helena on July 16, the State Library Commission formally approved the appointment of David R. Hoffman as State Librarian. Hoffman had served as Director of Library Development and Acting State Librarian since the retirement of Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth at the end of July 1970.

Recent Acquisitions of the Montana State Library, a selected list of non-fiction titles, will be published from time to time. The first such list, dated July 1971, is being distributed with this Newsletter to academic, public, and high school libraries throughout Montana. All materials in this list may be borrowed from the State Library.

The State Library's Basic State Plan (State-Federal Agreement), and annual program under the Library Services and Construction Act are similarly distributed with this Newsletter to Montana public libraries. Persons interested in the plan should consult the copies at their local libraries; a very limited number of single copies are available at the State Library. Because formal notification of funds available to Montana under the Library Services and Construction Act has not been received, budget figures are not published with the annual program.

Library service was extended to residents of Yellowstone County on July 1, 1971, under the terms of a contract between the Billings Public Library Board and the recently appointed Yellowstone County Library Board. Residents of the County have full use of the facilities and resources of the Billings Library, and will have bookmobile service throughout the county as quickly as a new bookmobile, now on order, can be delivered.

Counterbalancing this development, federation service in Beaverhead, Madison, and Jefferson Counties ceased at the end of the 1971 fiscal year due to the lack of adequate forthcoming financial support for the current fiscal year, according to a statement by Roger Spillers, Librarian of the Helena Public Library and former Coordinator of the Big Sky Federation. The Federation was formed in 1965 on a demonstration service, with the three counties assuming financial responsibility in 1968. In that same year, library service was offered to the Boulder River Training School and Hospital, Montana Children's Center, and Mountain View School, by the Big Sky Federation Bookmobile. During its operation, the Bookmobile visited forty-six communities in the three counties, serving 12,000 patrons monthly.

The Dillon City Library recently announced receipt of a \$1,000 trust fund from Professor David A. Gallagher, Western Montana College, in memory of his wife Helen, who died in 1970. Income from the fund will be used to add books and materials to the library.

Carroll College, Helena, and Miles Community College, Miles City, have been awarded grants for library resources under Title II-A of the Higher Education Act, for the 1971 fiscal year. Each received a basic grant of \$5,000; Carroll received a supplementary grant of \$332, and Miles Community College, a supplementary grant of \$1,502. Basic grants, according to an announcement from the U. S. Office of Education, were limited to \$5,000, and were limited in FY 71 to those institutions which qualified, by virtue of their index of need, for a Supplemental grant.

In June 1971, the State Library issued, for the Statewide Health Science Library Committee, a Union List of Serials Indexed in Abridged Index Medicus. The list shows 1970 holdings of the twelve academic, clinic, hospital, and special libraries and locations for current subscriptions to 94 of the 101 indexed titles, as well as back files. Copies have been distributed to all hospitals in the state, academic libraries, appropriate special libraries, and to larger public libraries.

Members of the Montana Library Association and Montana Instructional Media Association met in joint conference in Missoula May 13-15. The Montana Library Association will publish proceedings of the conference. MLA'S 1971-72 Executive Board consists of:

Douglas Mills, President (University of Montana Library)
Mrs. Frances Wells, Vice-President (Billings Public Schools)
Mrs. Mabel M. Brewer, Past President (Flathead County Library)
Minnie Paugh, Secretary (Montana State University Library)
Mrs. Helen Anderson, Treasurer (Great Falls Public Library)
Mrs. Clare M. Smith, ALA Councilor (Miles City Public Library)
Mrs. Mabel M. Brewer, PNLA Representative
Mrs. Kay Griffith, Academic and Special Libraries Division Chairman (University of Montana Library)
David Johnson, Public Library Division Chairman (Glasgow City-County Library)
Mrs. Edna Berg, School Library Division Chairman (Bozeman High School Library)
Mrs. Helen Hoffman, Trustees and Friends Division Chairman (Glasgow City-County Library)

Ramona the pest, by Beverly Cleary, has been chosen to receive the Young Reader's Choice Award by the Pacific Northwest Library Association.

Newsletter readers are reminded that Mining Methods and Equipment Illustrated, Bulletin 63 of the State's Bureau of Mines and Geology, is still in print and is sold for \$1 by the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, Room 203-B, Main Hall, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte 59701.

Montaniana:

Green-up; the story of a buffalo, by Marty Kelly. Traces the life of an orphan yearling buffalo whose bravery, despite a permanently crippled hip, earns her the respect of Indian hunters. American Heritage Press, 1971, \$3.95.

Dear Friends: Jennie's letters from the Plains, by Jennie Hutton. Letters from an Ekalaka farm wife, from the pages of the Dakota Farmer. Dakota Farmer Company, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1965, \$1.00.

A history: Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, by Merrill G. Burlingame. Bozeman, Office of Information Publication, 1968. Available from the Office of Public Service, Montana State University, \$1.00.

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